

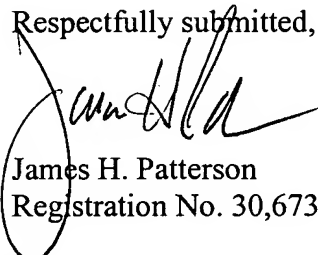
REMARKS

Claims 1-35 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 3, 7, 9-22, 24, 26-27, 29-31 and 33-35 are amended.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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